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1. SSA NOMINATES TWO ADDITIONAL EXPERTS, JAMES COX AND DANIEL BAKER, TO ASSIST GENERAL ORGANIZATION FOR SOCIAL INSURANCE (GOSI) IMPLEMENT SA SOCIAL INSURANCE PROGRAM. BIO DATA FOLLOWS.

2. JAMES R. COX, AGE 42. COMPUTER ANALYST WITH BUREAU OF HEALTH INSURANCE, SSA. PROVIDES EDP TECHNICAL CONSULTING SERVICES FOR HARDWARE AND SOFTWARE. STUDIES AND EVALUATES SYSTEMS DESIGN EFFICIENCIES AND WORK FLOW. HAS BEEN WITH SSA SINCE 1 /72 AS SYSTEMS ANALYST. PRIOR TO THAT HE WAS IN PRIVATE INDUSTRY HOLDING SENIOR POSITIONS IN EDP ACTIVITIES.

3. DANIEL A. BAKER, AGE 60. CHIEF OF CLAIMS PROCESSING BRANCH OF BUREAU OF HEALTH INSURANCE, SSA. RESPONSIBLE FOR DESIGN OF CLAIMS PAYMENT PROCESS INCLUDING PREPARATION OF INSTRUCTIONS AND FORMS. HAS EXTENSIVE BACKGROUND WITH SSA OVER MORE THAN 25 YEARS HOLDING A VARIETY OF TECHNICAL AND MANAGEMENT POSITIONS IN DIFFERENT COMPONENTS.

4. NIBALI, TEAM LEADER, CONCURS IN SELECTION. ASSUMING GOSI AGREES COX AND BAKER WOULD PLAN TO DEPART ABOUT FEBRUARY 25. NEITHER PLANS TO BE ACCOMPANIED BY DEPENDENT.
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5. REVISED ESTIMATED TOTAL COSTS FOR THE PROJECT COVERING NIBALI, ROBERTS, COX, AND BAKER IS DOLS 240.000. THIS COVERS SALARIES AND BENEFITS, TRAVEL EXPENSES, AND FULL CURRENT PER DIEM ALLOWANCES FOR THE TEAM BASED ON TOTAL SIX MONTH MISSION FOR NIBALI AND PERIOD UP TO DECEMBER 18, 1976 FOR REMAINING THREE. SHOULD GOSI DIRECTLY PROVIDE HOUSING FOR TEAM, PER DIEM COSTS WILL BE PROPORTIONATELY REDUCED FOR ACTUAL NUMBER OF DAYS HOUSING IS OCCUPIED. SSA PREFERS THAT GOSI SHORTLY TRANSMIT THROUGH DEPARTMENT OF STATE CHECK FOR EITHER TOTAL AMOUNT OR SUBSTANTIAL PARTIAL PAYMENT PAYABLE TO SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION. FINAL ACCOUNTING WILL BE DONE UPON CONCLUSION OF MISSION.

6. NIBALI PLANS TO RETURN SA IN APRIL AFTER RECUPERATION FOLLOWING SURGERY. HAS WRITTEN DG AND ROBERTS IN DETAIL OF HIS PLANS. NIBALI MEETING REGULARLY WITH COX AND BAKER TO BRIEF THEM ON SITUATION IN SA RE GOSI OPERATIONS AND PLANS. BOTH SHOULD BE FULLY ORIENTED PRIOR TO DEPARTURE AND PRODUCTIVE SHORTLY AFTER ARRIVAL SA.

7. SSA PREPARING NECESSARY PAPER WORK TO RELEASE COX AND BAKER FOR THIS MISSION. PLEASE OBTAIN SAUDI CONCURRENCE ASAP AND REMIND THEM TO INFORM THEIR EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON SO THAT VISAS CAN BE ISSUED.

8. SSA STILL CONCERNED OVER POSSIBILITY OF LACK OF ADEQUATE HOUSING FOR TEAM. DESIRES ASSURANCES FROM DG THAT ADEQUATE HOUSING WILL BE AVAILABLE UPON TEAM'S ARRIVAL EITHER IN A VILLA OR OTHER RESIDENCE PROVIDED BY GOSI OR CONFIRMED LONG STAY RESERVATIONS AT HOTEL. KISSINGER

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